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End-of-Summer and Fall Activities Are Plentiful

26th Heritage Celebration on Sept. 9 Tops Lineup

The Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association (OBPA) keys the major town celebrations throughout the year enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Five great OBPA happenings – A Hoe Down Show Down concert by Nashville recording artist Chad Reinert; Square Time “second Thursday” monthly events of Yappy Hour in May, June Jamboree, a first ever Orwigsburg Farmer’s Market in July, and the August Family Fun Fest – were well attended and enjoyed by many.

But you ain’t seen nothin’ yet, so the saying goes! For the love of a challenge and love for this town, OBPA continues the series of events for all to enjoy.

Make history on September 9

The 26th annual Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 on and about the town square, welcoming visitors and inviting residents to reflect on our historic past, enjoy the present, and look toward the future.

The day will begin with a pancake and sausage breakfast offered by Salem Church from 7 to 11 a.m. and held in its Fellowship Hall at South Liberty and West Independence streets.

The day’s major events continue “on the square” from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Salem Church offers two booths – one a “welcoming” station with face painting and
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Welcome to Orwigsburg



NEW WELCOME SIGNS, funded by the Lions Club, were erected in June at the four entrance roads into Orwigsburg. Pictured are, from left, Lions Club members Jamie Barton, Ed Winkelbauer, and Stan Toczek; at right are Borough Manager Bob Williams, Dave Teter, and Jake Brensinger. Bartush Signs designed and manufactured the signs. The Borough Street Crew installed the signs and provided the landscaping.

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 27 – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church. West Independence St., between South Warren and South Liberty streets will be blocked off from 3 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment, food and activities. All are invited!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 – Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – “On the Square” and North Warren Street; Apple Fest, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. John’s UCC Fellowship Center, E. Market Street.

SATURDAY, OCT 7 – Kimmels Church Harvest Family Festival. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7 – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church holds its annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25 – Halloween Parade, begins at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28 – Chili & Chills, 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31 – Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat.

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on the following days in 2017 in observance of the stated holidays – New Year's Day, Jan. 2; Good Friday, April 14; Memorial Day, May 29; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 4; Veterans' Day, Nov. 10; Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 and 24; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 22 and 25.

OBPA Activities

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free goodies, the second set up by UM Women offering used purses, wallets, totes, and church cookbooks.

St. John's UCC will hold its Apple Festival in conjunction with the Heritage Celebration from 9 a.m. until sold out in the Fellowship Center adjacent to the church on East Market St. Apple pies, dumplings, crisps and many more apple delights are offered for sale that day and sell out quickly.



Kimmels Church will host a booth, bounce house, and other activities geared mainly for children. Learn of this active church just outside Orwigsburg Borough and pick up a free snack.

Dozens of vendors offering handmade and purchased crafts, seasonal offerings, and arts will have booths set up "on the square" as will a number of organizations. Non-stop musical entertainment will feature Rhythm & Brews, Groove Merchants and the Boys Upstairs. Various street performers will add to the festive and whimsical celebration.

Final arrangements and engagements are still being worked out. Keep an eye peeled for newspaper promotion, flyers, and Facebook posts as the Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 9 approaches.

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October's Night of Chili & Chills

By the time the leaves start to fall, tastes will move from burgers and dogs on the grill to comfort food like chili. And, what better way to soothe that urge than to participate as a citizen judge during OBPA's 4th annual Night of Chili and Chills on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

As you enjoy an evening of autumn seasonal fun, taste some great chili and then vote for your favorite. Winners' categories include the People's Choice and a grand champion as chosen by a panel of judges, including local professional chefs.

Schuylkill Mountain Brewery will be the featured beverage. Live music will be performed by Amos Stone. People dressed in Halloween garb will be eligible for special prizes for their costume creativity.

Tickets to the event are required and may be purchased beforehand at PawPrints Pet Salon, Market Square Coffee House, M&T Bank, Orwigsburg Borough Hall or at the door on October 28.

OBPA supports the community

Did you know that in addition to hosting many



ORWIGSBURG
Business & Professional Association

events for our town, OBPA donates funds to several local charities and non-profit organizations?

One of our goals is to encourage aspiring entrepreneurs. To this end, the organization established two annual scholarships - one for a deserving Blue Mountain High School senior and another for the Young Entrepreneur Academy sponsored by the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.

OBPA's annual mixer brings together local business owners, leaders and government officials. Close working relationships are maintained with both the Borough and the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce. Looking towards the future, we hope to facilitate

exciting and lasting changes to our quaint town.

OBPA welcomes community-minded individuals, business employees, and business owners to be a part of this organization and make an impact in your community. Come out, get involved, and have some fun at the same time. OBPA welcomes all volunteers; you do not need to be a business owner.

Information on the organization and its events can be found at orwigsburgbusiness.org, join our Facebook page, or email us at orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com. You may also contact Pat Falco, OBPA President at 610-462-9167.

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Message from the Council President

What's Going on in Town? Many Sources Tell Story!

There have been several decisions by Orwigsburg Borough Council the past year or two that some residents have questioned or weren't aware of ... but raised their concerns well after the fact.



BUDDY TOUCHINSKY
Council President

It has been obvious that whether it was the dog park issue, budget considerations, or police coverage, some people are not fully aware of what is going on in their town. It's probably not for lack of want or desire; but, perhaps it's just not knowing the many sources there are to keep concerned residents informed and able to participate.

First, you can keep an eye to the local newspapers – South Schuylkill News and the Republican-Herald. This newsletter is another excellent source, published every quarter.

The Borough website posts the council meeting minutes after approval, providing detail of what is discussed and votes taken. These meeting minutes can be found at:

<http://orwigsburg.net/public-meeting-minutes/>

The Borough posts these records following official approval by council. But, minutes aren't approved until the following meeting (a month later), so you'll still be a month or so behind if you use the posted minutes to stay informed.

The good news is it often takes several monthly meetings of discussion before a matter comes to a vote. Most matters are in the news and in the posted minutes before they are acted upon.

Meetings always open to the public

The best way to stay on top of things is to attend the meetings. The first Wednesday of the month is a public "work session." This meeting usually lasts 2-to-3 hours during which topics are openly discussed.

The second Wednesday of each month is the regular session. This is the meeting during which official action is taken. This meeting usually lasts only an hour or so. Most issues are voted on with minimal discussion since they were thoroughly covered the week prior.

Both meetings are held in Council Chambers on the second floor of Borough Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are always open to the public and you will always have a chance to speak and ask questions.

Any resident can shape government

Finally, here's how to participate and help shape council and therefore the overall direction of our town. Run for office and vote! Municipal elections are held every other year (odd years). There's a primary in the spring and general election in the fall.

In March of the election year, people seeking to be on the ballot circulate petitions to get their names on the May Primary Election ballot. It's a very easy process. The Primary Election decides who will be listed on the General Election ballot in November.

In order to vote, you need to be a resident and registered. You can find a form at the county election bureau. With more awareness and involvement, I believe we can continue to build upon our strengths and move things in a direction that benefits our Borough.

– Buddy Touchinsky, Borough Council President

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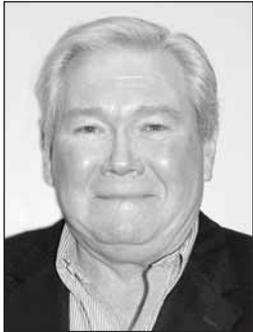
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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

I've spent the past several weeks preparing for the public auction of my business equipment and material inventory as part of concluding ninety years of enterprise initiated by my grandfather, Bright Augustus Berger.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

A tinsmith's shop in a rented Church Street shed grew into a half-block sheet metal facility on Washington Street and our roofing shop on Lincoln Avenue. Hundreds of employees enabled us to professionally provide for the needs of thousands of customers.

I have been personally honored to have contributed to our business mission for fifty years. Sorting through the accumulations of tools and products brought many fond memories to mind. The most blissful of those usually involved our free reign of a near mile radius of "the shop" as kids.

The loose parameter was to be within earshot of a parental or grandparental yodel to bring it in for lunch or dinner. Any combination of scrap wood, "borrowed" tools or wheeled devices, tinshop armor and discarded packaging enabled such entertainment as the Bunker Hill Gravity Chariot Races, the Mifflin Street Circus and Midway, the Great Saint



2017 ORWIGSBURG 11 ALL-STARS & THE MAYOR

John Cemetery Green Grape Slingshot Wars, and the Fisher's Dam Pallet Regatta.

Whenever we came up short of some stupid idea to stay self-occupied, we generated a level of annoyance that resulted in a decree from any nearby adult to "go up to the Memorial and play." When my grandfather issued that decree, it was accompanied with a duffel bag of assorted bats, gloves, and balls.

Grampa was one of the founders of Orwigsburg Little League and managed the "Rohrer's" team up until 1965. My uncle Jerry took the reins for a while after that. My dad umpired and sponsored the "Berger Roofing" Youth League team for a number of years. To say that we love baseball would be an understatement.

Now, let's get a little more current. After a stint of auction preparation a few nights ago, my wife Lauren and I decided to head out to the McKeansburg Hotel for some wings. A bunch of youngsters were sporadically popping out of the dining room to check out the All-Star Game Home Run Derby being televised.

The astute proprietor, Kevin Miller, inquired of one of the lads as to the meaning of the "zero" on his ball cap. A sharp "that's not a zero, it's an O for Orwigsburg!" promptly followed.

After a round or two of traded barbs, Kevin offered that they "probably don't even know who's Mayor of Orwigsburg." Then, with a pause and a smirk, he pointed me out.

With what looked like a quick pitcher's mound conference, the boys headed back to the dining room. Shortly thereafter, one of the coaches came out to ask if I would mind being in a photo with the Orwigsburg 11 All-Stars. I can't begin to tell you how honored I was.

These young men played through to a heartbreaker final. Speaking with another coach, I learned that their attitude was always positive, always supportive and always team-focused. They learned that if someone wins, someone else doesn't and that that concept goes both ways.

As they say, the only constant is change ... and baseball!

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor

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News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, kathi@orwigsburg.net or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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Businesses wishing to reach every household in the Borough of Orwigsburg are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information. Call Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by the Borough of Orwigsburg.

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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

"End of Summer" Free Block Party

Celebrating the end of traditional summer a week prior to Labor Day, the annual free community block party hosted by Salem Church will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the 100 block of West Independence. Held on the street adjacent to the church, between South Liberty and South Warren streets, the one block area will be closed to motor traffic.



All activities, entertainment, food and fun are free. Find out who makes the best chicken wings with the town's third annual "Or-WINGS-burg Cook-Off" contest. Winners in 2016 were: Professional Category - The Brick House Grill; Amateur Category - Lynn Nickels.

This year the block party is a mix of old and new. A bouncy slide and bouncy house, along with games for children, will be headed by the Salem Youth Group. Face painting and a nail design station for all ages will be pure fun for all. Children can enjoy many arts and craft activities along with sidewalk chalk designs.

Live music this year features three groups - some new, some returning. Rob Allison returns this year as a solo act. Rob has played at past block parties with his band and as a duo ... this year as a solo act.

New this year is a band called "Think of 3." James D. Harvey is its lead singer and band founder. The group is based in Pottstown. Salem's own House Praise Band will be the guest performers between sets.

A hit last year, Mystery Entertainer Connor returns and will perform between 4 and 6 p.m. New this year will be "Sarah Love's Balloons" from 3 to 5 pm. Much in demand last year, Therapeutic Massage by Marie will be working the entire time from 3 to 7 p.m.

All the food you care to eat and drink will be offered, including fresh-grilled dogs, snack bags, soft drinks and water, fresh popped popcorn, Pure Wild Tea, icy sno-cones, and Yuengling Ice Cream.

Also on hand will be Orwigsburg's Friendship Fire Company, free public library, Team Orwigsburg, Salvation Army and a first aid/health station.

The annual end-of-summer free block party is Salem UMC's gift back to the community. It is an expression of God's love to one and all ... and all are gladly welcomed. For additional information, call 570-366-0201, email Office@SalemUM.com or visit www.SalemUM.com.

Calling all cooks to Or-WINGS-burg

Enter your best-tasting, "secret recipe" chicken wings in Salem's cook-off contest during the free Block Party on Sunday, Aug. 27. Your wings could be the hit of Or-WINGS-burg!



Prizes will be awarded for the Best Overall Wings in both professional and amateur categories.

Wing entries should be fully prepared and brought in a crockpot or other warming device. At least 36 wings are required. The event takes place inside Sandherr Hall, the Fellowship Center, at the church. The Block Party begins at 3 p.m.; wing contest judging begins at 5; winners will be announced at 6 p.m.

St. Paul's Fall Bazaar

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 N. Warren St., invites residents and visitors to its annual Service Ministry Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Soup, beef barbecue, hot dogs and chili will be available to eat-in or take out. Baked goods, candy, crafts, a Chinese auction, jewelry and home business vendor products will be displayed for your purchase.

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"thank you" to the Lions Club for its donation of the four "Welcome" signs that grace the entrances to Orwigsburg.

The design and stature of these signs symbolize progress, continued growth, and beautification in this town we proudly represent.

The dedication and service of all members are greatly appreciated as the Lions Club continues to promote "Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future" within our quaint little community of Orwigsburg.

- Carol and Ralph Ascione, Looking Your Best

Labor Day & Veterans Day

The national holiday to honor workers - Labor Day - will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 4. All Borough offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Refuse pickups will be delayed one day to Wednesday, Sept. 6 and Saturday, Sept. 9.

Veterans Day services "on the square" in Orwigsburg are always marked on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Saturday, Nov. 11 this year. Please plan to be a part of this solemn event. Being an official holiday for workers, all Orwigsburg Borough operations will close all day Friday, Nov. 10.

Halloween parade

The annual Orwigsburg Halloween parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The parade route for this year is again designed to

improve participant safety and allow vehicle traffic to skirt the parade, but still move through the Borough. As in the past, the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers, floats, and service vehicles will begin the parade, stepping off at 7 p.m.

To register your group for the parade or to obtain more information, contact Mike Swenson at 570-617-6050 or mike1swenson@gmail.com.

Trick or Treat

Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins are invited to go door-to-door during Orwigsburg's designated Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night, Tuesday, Oct. 31 between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.



Girls and boys, up to 12 years of age, are permitted to participate and asked to walk with a friend, parent, or responsible group leader. Residents are asked to turn on their porch light for the children's safety and as an indication the youngsters are welcome to get a treat.

Thank you to all for survey answers

The "Quick Survey" announced in the May issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings* gained hundreds of
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responses by residents and visitors of Orwigsburg over the past three months. The survey, printed on a drink coaster, was presented to numerous focus organizations such as the Lions Club, Business & Professional Association, Senior Citizens, girl scout troop, and Square Time events plus placed on tables at six eating establishments in the Borough for patrons to offer their thoughts.



The Quick Survey asked three questions ... What makes Orwigsburg great? What is missing? What needs to be improved? That survey has now ended, the results compiled and detailed, and presented to Borough Council.

The results will be used to finalize questions in the "Great Orwigsburg Town Survey," a more extensive survey to be distributed to every household in printed form later this fall. This larger survey will also be available by download from the Borough website, Facebook, and available on handheld electronic devices via Survey Monkey. More information will be provided in the November issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*.

Thank you to all who participated in this important Quick Survey and to the restaurants – Brick House Grill, Valenti's Italian Restaurant, Inn of Orwigsburg, Market Square Coffee House, DiMaio's Mustard Seed Café, and the 419 Market Café & Eatery.

Bingo fundraiser funds youth gathering

"A few of my favorite things" designer accessories will be among the prizes in a bingo fundraiser with proceeds benefiting St. Paul's Lutheran Church "Youth Gathering Team" trip to Houston, TX next year.

The bingo site will be in the Blue Mountain Elementary East cafeteria on Sunday, Nov. 5. Doors will open at noon; games will begin at 1 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Raffles and door prizes will be in addition to the 20 bingo games to be played.

St. Paul's is excited to send 10 local youths and five chaperones (costing \$1,600 per person) to Houston next summer. The ELCA Youth Gathering is a national convention held every three years and lasting five days. About 30,000 people are expected to attend. Each day focuses on a different type of service project in Houston and at night all will gather at NRG Stadium and be inspired by speakers and nationally known Christian rock bands.

This bingo event is a major part of the fundraising effort. Tickets are \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door) and include 6 bingo cards. Contact Lori Elser at 570-943-2844 or Deb Bolinsky at 570-789-3540 for additional information.

Master Gardeners feed body and soul

Join the Penn State Schuylkill Master Gardeners for a celebration of gardening, food, art and music on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their Demonstration Garden off Rt. 61 near the entrance to Penn State Schuylkill campus just south of Schuylkill Haven.

Plants and produce grown by the Master Gardeners, along with cut flower arrangements, baked goods, food, and refreshments will be available for purchase. There will also be food samples and a tomato tasting contest. Bring any gardening questions you may have. Artisans and vendors will also be in attendance.



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Sch. County Fall Cleanup

The Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste & Resource Management will hold its annual Fall Cleanup & Recycling Event with the cooperation of numerous municipalities, including Schuylkill Haven Borough and North Manheim Township, the week of Sept. 18-23.

Any Schuylkill County resident can take unwanted tires, appliances, scrap metal and other bulky items to any of the designated collection sites for proper disposal. A complete list of drop-off locations, dates, and times will be published in local newspapers prior to the event.

Electronics will not be accepted during the Fall Cleanup.

Orwigsburg Borough does not provide a host site for the county cleanup because large item curbside pickup is available to its residents each month with normal trash pickup on the second Tuesday and the Friday following the second Tuesday.

Electronics – Not in the trash!

Pennsylvania law forbids anyone to dispose of unwanted electronics in your curbside trash pickup and forbids the dumping of any trash/rubbish on private or public lands. Landfills and other solid waste disposal facilities no longer accept covered devices or

their components – desktop and laptop computers, monitors, peripherals, and televisions.

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) urges you to do your part for the environment by recycling or reusing these electronic devices. Unfortunately, the Schuylkill County annual Fall Cleanup has again, for the second year in a row, announced electronics will not be accepted.

Staples, located at the Cressona Mall off Rt. 61, will accept many computer related electronics at no cost. For additional information, call the store or check the website.

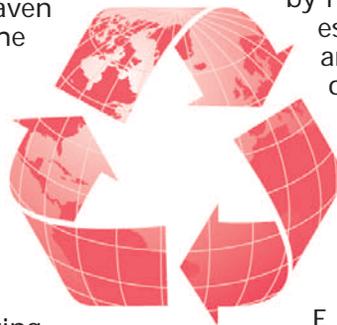
The Bloomsburg Recycling Center, 301 E. Second St., Bloomsburg, also accepts electronics. Call 570-784-4532 for hours, directions, and acceptance of drop-offs.

Fall leaf and yard cleanup

The Borough asks residents to be respectful of neighbors by collecting all grass clippings, yard waste, and leaves. Your trash pickup each week allows for up to six bags of yard waste, collected curbside.

Not only can leaves and other yard waste blow onto public roads and/or collect on your neighbor's property, the waste can clog storm drains and be an additional factor in poor drainage areas where flooding may occur.

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State budget becomes law

Pennsylvania Rep. Jerry Knowles has announced the General Assembly approved a \$32 billion budget for the fiscal year. Governor Tom Wolf refused to veto or sign the budget approval, the third year in a row, and it became law without his action on June 10.

According to Knowles, the House and Senate have been working in good faith with the governor's staff to reach an agreement on revenues to support the spending plan. Presented with a variety of options, including proposed reforms to our state's liquor sales system and gaming expansion, the administration has rejected each proposal, instead calling for new and increased taxes.

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As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at www.orwigsburg.net or at the Borough Office with

major credit and debit cards.

The Borough utilizes the services of MuniPAY with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or e-check. A user fee of 2.45% or \$3, whichever is greater, will be assessed per transaction. The fee for e-check is \$1.50.

The Borough does not collect, receive or retain any portion of the service fees. The fees are charged by MuniPAY in order to provide the service. MuniPAY is an electronic payment processing option currently used by local Schuylkill County municipalities designed specifically for local government and utility agencies.

Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in our 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to the Borough Office.

Questions concerning our new payment options may be directed to kathi@orwigsburg.net or call 570-366-3103.

Refuse/recycling collection

The Borough contracts with County Waste for the weekly refuse and biweekly recycling collection. Curbside pickup is on Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north ... and on Friday for properties south of Market Street.

Pickup will be delayed one day for both collections due to the Labor Day holiday.



The Borough has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code that requires refuse kept outdoors to be stored in a leak-proof container with a close-fitting cover.

Residents are asked to not place their refuse or recyclables curbside until after 6 p.m. on the evening prior to collection and to return their empty containers to storage after collection.

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of their properties. Store your refuse and recycling containers to the rear or side of your building.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website www.orwigsburg.net as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.



The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.

The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.

Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$20. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.



Take care of your property

Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

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and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs; however, this term does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also maintain weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.

Rental properties

Orwigsburg Ordinance #396 and newly enacted Ordinance #424 establishes certain responsibilities for owners of rental properties in the Borough.

Every owner/lessor of any rental property, including but not limited to dwelling, dwelling units, rooming houses, rooming units, or dormitory rooms must register with the Borough each year between January 1 and February 28. If any tenant moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the Borough Office or can be printed from the borough website.

As part of the annual registration, a basic triennial

(once every three years) inspection fee shall be paid for each and any dwelling unit ... \$110 for the first unit, \$45 for the second, and \$25 for each additional unit per address.

Owners/Landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property. This individual must live within 10 miles of the Borough.

Trash and recycling containers for rental properties are to be located in an area other than the front of the property. If necessary, the building code inspector shall identify such location.

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Request for cones

Cones are available for use from the Borough. A cone request form must be filled out and is available from the borough office. Forty-eight hours notice must be given to allow time to get the cones delivered to their location and signs made and placed on the cones.



Albrights woods

Now is the time to plan that Fall event. The pavilion at Albright's Woods is available for rent for your social party, family reunion or other event. Albright's Woods is located on Grove Street in Orwigsburg. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. For further details or to make a reservation to use the park, call the borough office at 570-366-3103.



Help us help you

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front door, or front transom bar or glass or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance or upon a permanent standard, base or support between building and street. The number is to be of paint, metal, enamel, plastic, or other weather resistant material and at least three inches in height, the color of the numbers to be in contrast to the immediate background, and shall be so placed as to be in full view and legible from the street. No numbers shall be covered with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction and all old numbers shall be removed when a new number is assigned.



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A Tree Grows in Orwigsburg

Street Trees Have Beauty and Hidden Value

Orwigsburg is the fastest growing community in Schuylkill County. Imagine driving through town and there are no trees in the square or along the streets. The view would be asphalt, concrete sidewalks, buildings, and cars.

We seldom take the time to realize what trees add to our community. Without them, Orwigsburg would lose much of its charm and beauty.

Beneficial to everyone for many reasons, statistics provide the following information of why trees are so important:

- Trees reduce street pollution by up to 60%.
- Trees can intercept 22% of storm water runoff.
- Trees, properly placed, can reduce energy for heating and cooling by 58%.
- Trees increase property values up to 15%.
- Communities with trees have lower crime rates.
- Shoppers will pay 11% more in stores along tree-lined streets.

In light of the benefits and beauty our trees provide, a group of volunteers under the guidance of



retired forester Frank Snyder and Jerry Bowman surveyed the Orwigsburg Borough street trees. Each tree was identified on the website Opentreemap.org and includes the species, diameter, present condition, and care recommendations.

Interestingly, this paper birch tree with a 12 inch diameter growing on the square conserves the equivalent of 1,273.8 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, saving \$71 ... filters 1,550 gallons per year of storm water ... removes 486.8 pounds per year of carbon dioxide ... and saves \$11 per year in air quality improvement.

This is only one tree!

In June this tree survey committee presented its preliminary findings to the Orwigsburg Planning and Zoning Commission. The goal was to educate and highlight the benefits of trees and establish a management plan to preserve and maintain trees in our town.

Results of the tree survey will be presented to borough council this fall. Community involvement is needed. Anyone interested in joining our volunteer effort can email Orwigsburg Borough at sherry@orwigsburg.net.

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Orwigsburg Historical Society

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum, 109 East Mifflin St., is now open on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon until 4 p.m. and can be made available at other times by appointment. Contact the society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or any services.



Upcoming programs slated

Monthly programs coordinated by the OHS are free of charge to members. The general public is invited to enjoy these programs, as well, with a free-will donation appreciated from non-members.

- Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. – Keith Ernst will present a historical overview of vintage trucks, his personal restoration efforts, and provide a full tour of his Tired Truck Restoration Shop & Museum.

This program will take place at his restoration shop located at 19 Municipal Road, near H.B. Steele & Son, Inc. off Rt. 61 in the village of Pinedale. Don't miss this very rare opportunity to tour a one-of-a kind museum.

- Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. – Fred Sheeler will present "Researching Your Family's History or Property," a live website demonstration outlining the steps necessary to access over 250 years of deed and mortgage history contained in the Recorder of Deeds Office. This program will take place in the Community

Room of the Orwigsburg Historical Society.

Most records in the Deeds Office have been digitally preserved and are now available to research a particular property, person, or family. Fred's demonstration will walk you step by step through the process of researching this valuable information right from your home computer. A number of historic documents are highlighted in the demonstration.

Volunteer help needed

The Orwigsburg Historical Society appreciates help and assistance from community volunteers in a variety of ways. Presently, individuals skilled with a paint brush are needed for both inside and outside painting projects.

The society is in the process of creating a new research and reference library and needs help to catalog and organize a number of valuable publications for members and visitors to utilize. Topics include local history, archaeology, Native American history, architecture, American antiques, and historical fashions and accessories.

Want to help? Contact the society at 570-366-8769 or 570-617-7809.

Recent museum donations

The historical society welcomes donations to its museum collection. A number of artifacts have recently been added, including genealogy and local his-



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tory publications; a book titled "Roadside Survivors," historic milestones on the old turnpikes and post roads of the northeast; a Bible; a painting by William Mosolino and photos of early Schuylkill Haven and Adamsdale; and photographs of local homes from the early 1900s.

A new interpretive display, featuring a working telegraph system, is coming soon. Thank you to Abe Burnett, Jim Bohrman, and Evan Bowen for working on this exciting project.

Special sale on baskets

Now through September 30, visit the OHS during museum hours on Tuesday or Thursday to take advantage of a special price on any of the Schuylkill County Commemorative Baskets produced in prior years.

All baskets are on sale for \$30 instead of the regular price of \$39.95. Quantities are very limited. When they're gone, they're gone!

Become a member

Celebrating 23 years of preserving the history and culture of Orwigsburg and Southern Schuylkill County, the 2017-2018 membership year is just beginning. Individual membership is \$20; family membership is \$25; and corporate/business membership is \$50.

Donations "In honor of" or "In memory of" are always appreciated and needed for building improve-



ments and preservation of "The Old Jail" located to the rear of the society headquarters building.

Benefits of membership includes free admission to the museum and to most OHS programs, use of the society's research resources, assistance with genealogical search, discounts on museum store merchandise and on Community Room rental, and the sheer joy of knowing you are helping to preserve the history of Orwigsburg and Schuylkill County.

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Orwigsburg Police Department

COP – “Community Oriented Police” Right for Our Town

Officers of the Orwigsburg Police Department believe in their new initiative to be visible and involved in the community. The department has recently joined the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association. Increased foot and bike patrols, especially in the center of town, are being scheduled as time allows. Dayshift officers hope to eat lunch occasionally at the Blue Mountain Elementary East and Middle Schools to engage conversation and to take part in activities during recess.

Coffee with a Cop a Great Idea!

The inaugural “Coffee with a Cop” social opportunity between police officers and members of the community was held last month. Nearly 50 townspeople took the opportunity to casually interact with department officers over breakfast and coffee at the Market Square Coffee Shop.

Those who attended met our new police chief, John Koury, and other department officers. Youngsters received stickers and had the opportunity to sit in the police cars, providing great picture moments! Plus, free coffee!

Beneficial conversation and a lot of positive feedback will make “Coffee with a Cop” a quarterly happening. Hope to see you at the next one, sometime in October.



The department’s goal reaching out to the community is to enable the screen to be lifted when the public interacts with police. Knowing each officer on a first name basis and vice-versa fosters excellent communication. There is absolutely no reason

to be nervous when you meet a police officer at Boyer’s, eating at Valenti’s, or even when pumping gas.

The department encourages anyone new to the area to stop at the police station, located at the Municipal Building, 209 N. Warren Street. Feel free to pose questions regarding ordinances and upcoming events. Officers are available to give talks to civic groups on public safety, crime prevention, and local, state, and federal laws. We are a part of the community we enjoy serving.

Watch for school buses and children

As school gets back in session the Orwigsburg Police will be monitoring bus traffic at the Blue Mountain Elementary East and Middle schools and the bus stops throughout town.

Under Section 3345 of the PA Vehicle Code, when red lights are flashing and the stop sign motion arm opens on a school bus, motorists must stop at least ten feet from the bus and must not resume motion until the red lights are no longer actuated and all children are at a place of safety. The penalty for violating this section is a \$200 fine and an automatic license suspension. When you see the amber lights flashing, please use caution and anticipate the red lights will be activating.

With bus stops throughout town, there will be an increase in foot traffic. Section 3542 gives pedestrians within crosswalks the right-of-way. Cars must stop and allow them to cross. Pedestrians, however, can’t suddenly walk into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The penalty for violating this section is \$50.

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| Call for dates – Gourmet Food Shopping - NYC | \$41 |
| September 9 – National Zoo - Washington D.C..... | \$44 |
| September 10 – Curious George - Dutch Apple Theatre, Lancaster..... | \$42 |
| September 16 – Baltimore Inner Harbor..... | \$39 |
| September 16 & 23 – Feast of San Gennaro - NYC..... | \$40 |
| September 17 – Air Show at Andrews AFB..... | \$40 |
| September 23 – American Girl Place - NYC | \$76 |
| September 23 – Bronx Zoo..... | Call for prices |
| September 25 – Bloomsburg Fair..... | \$20 |
| September 26 – Frankie Avalon - Atlantic City..... | \$80 |
| September 30 – US Holocaust Museum - Washington D.C. | \$44 |
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Veterans Community Memorial Hall Nears Finish Line

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Dedicated to our brave men and women who selflessly gave their lives in order to defend our freedoms and liberties, the hall has provided local residents with a gathering place to engage in many social, educational and recreational activities.

Given the age of the building, the Memorial Hall was in dire need of internal renovations and external infrastructure repairs. The entire community has come together, under the leadership of the Orwigsburg

Veterans' Memorial Development Taskforce, to bring new life to the building through a series of renovation projects.

The renovation of the Memorial Hall was developed as a multi-phase plan in order to better grasp the financial components and manpower it would take to complete the final vision. The project included interior improvements, finish treatments, furnishings, acoustic panels, new seating, a veterans room, exterior improvements, sidewalks, ramps,



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and a veterans monument.

Funding was made possible through a number of state, federal and local grants plus private gifts and donations. Listed below are the grants received, beginning with the inception of the project.

- (Phase I) 2007 – \$50,000 grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for building renovations.
- (Phase II) 2008 – \$100,000 grant from DCED for electrical, plumbing and heating repairs; a sum of \$42,500 came from local community organizations.
- (Phase III) 2014 – \$200,000 grant from DCED for exterior renovations and another \$153,000 grant from the department for a new roof; a sum of



\$250,000 was donated by local individuals, organizations and fundraising events.

- (Phase IV) 2015 - \$200,000 grant from DCED for land development.
- During the fall of 2016, a Community "Matching Campaign" was established beginning with a \$25,000 gift from Joseph Jones, Jr., Esq. in memory of his son, Captain Jason B. Jones, who was killed in the line of duty while serving his country. Following that, the campaign produced an additional \$24,200 in local contributions.

As of February 2017, the Veterans' Memorial Development Taskforce and the Borough of Orwigsburg have raised more than \$1.4 million in private donations and grants for renovations to the Memorial Hall. The final phase of the plan is pending completion.

The community has continued to work diligently to restore this iconic building so that residents, current and future, can enjoy all of the opportunities and memories this hall still has to offer. This is truly the perfect illustration of what can be accomplished when the private and public sectors work together to improve an important community facility.

There is still more work that needs to be done to complete the final phase of the project and we need the continued support of the private sector to help us to the finish line.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of the Month

Borough Council Work Session @ 7:30 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Borough Council Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

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Shaded days are trash collection days

Tuesdays – Market Street and north; Fridays – south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and County Waste, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your recycling



bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
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Single-Stream Recycling & Trash Collection

- Glass items such as mirrors, ceramic cups and plates, crystal, clay flower pots, light bulbs, window glass, drinking glass and heat-resistant ovenware are NOT recycled by glass container plants and should not be mixed in with container glass.
- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection is made.

Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.

Single-Stream Recycling



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|  Plastic Containers #1 through #7 (No Styrofoam) |  Aluminum, Steel & Tin Containers |  Glass Bottles & Containers |
|  Newspapers *bundle or place in paper bag |  Corrugated Cardboard & Boxboard |  Mixed Paper |



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Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

Library Marks 40 Years; Plans Move to New Location

The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library was established in 1977 and now celebrates 40 years of serving the Orwigsburg community and surrounding area.



Wow! What a wonderful milestone. But, did you know the Orwigsburg Library has never had a permanent home? Well, it will now.

The library is in the midst of creating a space at 216 W. Independence Street on the first floor of Independence Square Senior Housing, just four blocks west of the current leased location.

If you are able to assist the Orwigsburg Library with its Capital Campaign fundraising, reach out to the director or any library board member. Call 570-366-1638 or email to orwigsburglibrary@comcast.net.

Meanwhile, we're still at 214 E. Independence Street. Call or email for information regarding the library and any of its programs and services or access the library through the Borough website at www.orwigsburg.net or Facebook at OrwigsburgAreaFreePublicLibrary.

Plan to visit soon! One great opportunity will be

Orwigsburg's Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 9. The library offers its annual "Blow-out Book Sale." You choose the books you want, put as many as you can into a bag ... and pay just \$5! The event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but come early for the best selection.

Annual fundraising appeal

The annual library fundraising appeal to provide services and support programming at the library has recently been mailed to every household in Orwigsburg and the surrounding communities served. Donations from families, individuals, and businesses are a vital part of the library's annual operating budget and are separate from the cost of relocating to a new facility.

Please consider a donation at whatever level you are financially able. If you misplaced your donation appeal letter and return envelope, stop by the library and ask for one.

So many services offered

Although the new library space is exciting news, it's business as usual at our present location. Summer here and the start of the school year is always a busy time at the Orwigsburg Library. Programming continues to fill days and nights with activities and events for persons of all ages. Stop in to see our latest book displays, fun activity centers and posted programs.

What does your library have available for you?

- Clubs that meet weekly and monthly. The Orwigsburg Book Club meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. discussing new authors, genres and topics. Knitters, crochet and needle-

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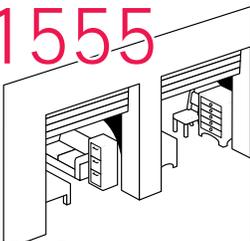
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point enthusiasts welcome all skill levels to their weekly group meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Lego builders of all ages gather the second Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m. to share their creations (the library supplies the Legos; builders supply the imagination). Learn and play Mahjongg from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month.



- Play K program – Get your three to five year old youngsters ready for kindergarten. Upcoming topics are: Aug. 24 and 25 – A Home for Me and a Home for You; Sept. 28 and 29 – All Around Town; and Oct. 26 and 27 – My Colorful World. Each month the first date is a Thursday starting at 6 p.m.; the second date is a Friday with the program at 10:30 a.m. The program models kindergarten concepts and behaviors.
- Story time. Geared for pre-school age children, a special story hour is planned each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. starting September 19 for the fall sea-

son. Get those little ones out to socialize through stories, singing, movement, and crafts.

The library's biggest fundraiser event of the year, the Orwigsburg Holly Trail, will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 from noon to 4 p.m. Back by popular demand, the "Night Before" party is also being planned. All the details will be included in the November issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*.

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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

This fall issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings* is mailed as summer winds down, family vacations come to an end, and back-to-school activities start back up. The Orwigsburg Veterans' Task Force did not get a vacation this summer as project work and future activities were moving full steam ahead.

Exterior site improvements, funded by the latest state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will be nearing completion as you read this. This work focused on exterior improvements, including access to the new entry way, installation of a new patio area, storm water and drainage improvements to the parking lot, and the creation of a new parking lot layout.

This will mean some changes in parking and traffic patterns around the building. Follow posted signs accordingly. Special thanks to project engineer, Alfred Benesch and Co., that put together a bid package that maximized every final dollar of the grant.

Continuing exterior improvements, plans for replacing the exterior basketball court have been submitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for approval. If approval is gained soon enough, construction could come before the end of the year if Mother Nature also cooperates with good construction weather.



Inside the building, installation of new bleachers will take place in September. Task force volunteers and the borough crew removed the old bleachers and prepared for the new ones soon to arrive from the manufacturer.

Honor roll to memorialize area veterans

Interior construction and planning continues to move forward. Plans are being finalized and funding secured for the soon-to-be Veteran's Memorial space to honor area service men and women at the new main entrance.

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This community building has shown its true value this summer season, providing indoor space for local sports teams, summer programs, and civic group use, as well as an alternate site for several major town events. The Memorial Day ceremonies and OBPA's recent Farmer's Market were "washed out" of the square, but these events moved indoors to Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

The fall and winter schedules for building and room rentals are filling up fast. If you are looking for a location for a club meeting, a birthday party, anniversary, class reunion, or recreational practice, get your reservation in as early as possible by contacting the borough for scheduling information and rates.

As you are financially or physically able, consider donating time or cash to the cause. Follow the link online at www.orwigsburgmemorial.com, check us out on Facebook, send us an email to memorial@orwigsburg.net, or reach out to a task force member for information. Every pledge helps get us one step closer to completion.

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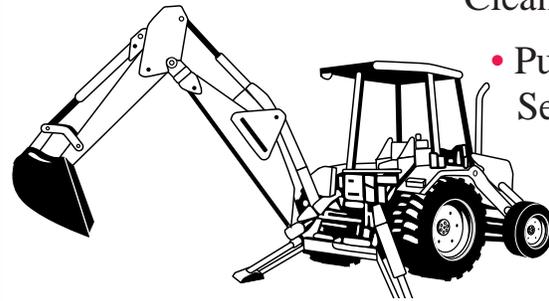
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St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., Orwigsburg welcomes everyone, regardless of where you are on your faith journey, to join us in worship any Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor Jan is presently preaching her sermons on Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) "12 step program" and how it relates to all of us.



Rally Day will be held Sunday, Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. with a breakfast served in the Fellowship Center. Sunday school will begin once again every Sunday at 10 a.m. beginning Sept. 10.

St. John's offers a variety of new programs that are open to anyone without charge. Beginning Wednesday, Sept.

6 at 7 p.m., there will be a Women Only AA meeting held each week. A women's Bible study group will meet, beginning Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the parsonage on Kimmels Road, and another Bible study group will meet at the church office beginning Thursday, Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. Both Bible groups will

study the letters of Saint Paul.

Several "open mics" have now been held at St. John's and harpist, Pastor Jan, is a regular. The entire community is invited to come and share any talent with the audience. Some participants have recited poetry or played other instruments. Bring a friend and come out any Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by light refreshments.

St. John's hosts many community groups, including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Senior Citizens, Team Orwigsburg, Diakon, yoga classes, and blood drives. The Fellowship Hall is also available to rent for private parties (no alcohol) during the year. The music program, directed by Trena Murphy, is outstanding.

St. John's annual Apple Fest will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. until sold out in conjunction with the Heritage Days celebration. A Miller-Keystone blood drive will be held Thursday, Sept. 21 from 2 to 7 p.m. Walk ins are encouraged! Both events are held in the Fellowship Center.

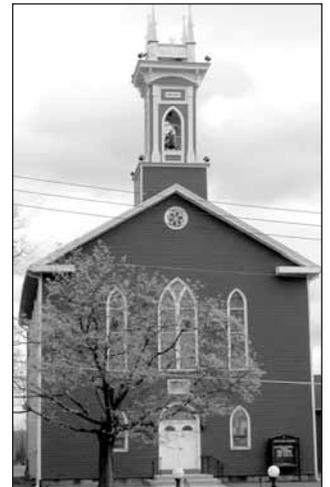
The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed at St. John's and that phone number (570-366-2255) is also routed through the main church office phone number for any questions concerning volunteering or distribution of food. Distribution takes place the third Saturday of each month.

Zion's Red Church

Zion's Red Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61 at Brick Hill Road), is a union congregation of Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ denominations whose members welcome, strengthen, and bless all who enter.

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worship is held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Zion's Red Church supports the local community by volunteering time and financial resources to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry and Schuylkill Women in Crisis.

Kimmels Church

Kimmels Church, located at 179 Pine Creek Drive off Kimmels Road, is a growing church family and integral part of the Orwigsburg community for 166 years. Though maybe around for a long time, the church spirit is very young, alive and active.

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Special programs and events coming this fall are open to the public. Please join us for:

- IF: Gathering – Open to women of all ages, this two day conference (August 25, 6:30 to 9 p.m., and August 26, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) will help encourage women to trust God and serve Him with their lives. This free event will be a time of worship, teaching, food and fellowship as we "live stream" sessions with featured speakers. Email info@kristinschmucker.com for information and registration.



- Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, Sept. 9 – Kimmels Church will be on or near Centre Square with a booth, bounce house, free snacks, and fun activities.
- Family Fun Day, Sept. 10 – This official fall kick-off will feature a special Celebration Worship Service followed by a Family Fun Day, both at Deer Lake Park. All are welcome, just bring a side dish and join in for fun and games.
- Harvest Family Festival, Oct. 7 – This is the seventh year for this community day enjoying the bounty of our world and joys of our community. Come from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to enjoy activities for the whole family – hayrides, pumpkins, mums, hamburgers, funnel cake, pumpkin soup, baked goods, rummage sale, live music, games for the kids, kiddie train rides, dunk tank, – *Continued on page 30*

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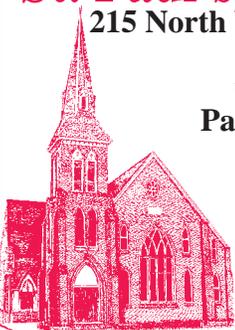
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bounce house, and more! Proceeds this year go to the Orwigsburg Police Department.

- Fifth Quarter Celebration, Oct. 28 – This annual happening on Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m. is held at the church following the Blue Mountain vs. Schuylkill Haven Area football clash. For young people (sixth through 12th grade), we provide a “safe” afternoon of games and snacks. Activities include our gaga pit, 9 Square-in-the-Air, volleyball, and other interactive games, bon-fire, music, tons of food and more. It’s all free; bring a friend.

Additional information can be found online at www.kimmelschurch.org

St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 N. Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and can be reached by calling 570-366-2316. Additional information can be obtained at www.stpaulsorwigsburg.org and find us on Facebook.

Summer worship times are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:15 a.m.; but, will return to normal schedule – Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m. – along with the Saturday worship and a return of Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. beginning September 10.



Upcoming special services and events include Reformation 500 Learning Fair and Rally Day on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:15 a.m. All ages are welcome to learn about Martin Luther and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Animal companions have a special invite for the annual Blessing of the Animals at the Saturday and Sunday worship services, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Your pets are welcome to stay for worship.

The annual Service Ministry Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local crafts persons and home business vendors will display and sell their wares. A wide selection of delicious food and homemade candy will be available for eating-in or taking home.

The anniversary celebration of the Reformation continues with a special Hymn Festival on Sunday, Oct. 15 beginning at 4 p.m. The community is invited to enjoy this spiritual event, featuring St. Paul's Chancel and Bell Choirs.

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services each Sunday with a traditional worship at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m., and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. plus children's choir and children's church held during the 10:45 worship for youngsters in grades one through five. A paid nursery attendant is on staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday Night Live is Salem's coffeehouse style gathering, usually held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the social hall. All are welcome to participate in this casual worship experience, that includes coffee and snacks. On the first Sunday of the month, Pastor Stew Warner shares a message and offers communion. On other Sundays, the service is led by one of Salem's lay ministers, with special events planned throughout the year.

One of these regular events is a casual meal plus a movie, delivering the message in the faith-based film. The public is invited to attend, beginning at 6 p.m. This month's movie night is August 20.

Salem Church will host its annual End-of-Summer Block Party on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. on W. Independence Street at the church. Enjoy music, food, and fun ... it's all free! The third annual Or-WINGS-burg Chicken Wing Contest is open to all professional and amateur cooks.

Celebrate Orwigsburg Heritage Day, Sept. 9 "on the square" and at Salem Church. A pancake and



sausage breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The church will host two booths on Centre Square beginning at 9 a.m. One welcomes all with face painting and

free goodies. The second is a fundraiser hosted by the UM Women group, selling used purses, wallets, totes and church cookbooks.

Area youngsters and parents are invited to join Salem Church for AWholeNewBoo event the night of the Halloween parade, Wednesday, Oct. 25. Stop by the church during or after the parade to receive a "bigger than fun-size" candy bag. Prizes will be awarded in several costume categories. Pre-registration begins October 1st at www.AWholeNewBoo.com.

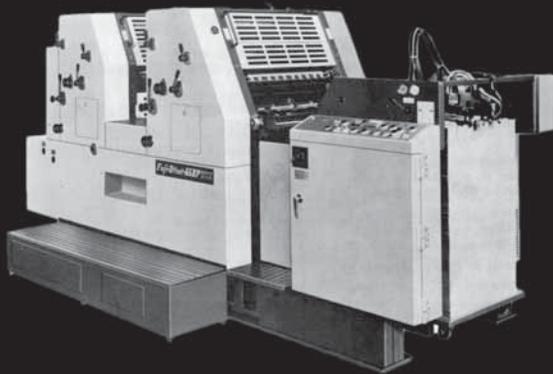
The 12th annual Holiday Stop and Shop will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with up to 18 vendors displaying and selling their wares. Team Orwigsburg will hold a soup and bake sale.

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